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Spy amnesty

Alexander Jason, the former intelligence officer who came up with the "Avenge Robert Stethem" button, suggests an interim plan before instituting a mandatory death penalty for spying: a temporary amnesty. Writing in the Wall Street Journal, Mr. Jason says that since U.S. citizens or residents who spy for the Soviets cannot be exposed brutally, as in other countries, we should try innovation. Spies could be lured by a limited amnesty period tied to their cooperation. One spy leads to another, Mr. Jason suggests, so the few who come forward could disrupt the whole apparatus.

— John Elvin